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Missing woman located

Riverside, CA -- A missing woman sought by Riverside Police turned up at the Riverside County Regional Medical Center's Psychiatric facility in Riverside.

Martha Mendoza De Acosta (aka Martha De Acosta Mendoza) 49, is a diagnosed schizophrenic with the mental capacity of a 12-year-old. She lived in a group facility on Long Beach and was visiting family in Riverside when she walked away from her brother's vehicle during a shopping stop on Sunday, June 8.

California Highway Patrol officers located a disoriented woman along the 215 Freeway on Tuesday, June 17, and took her to the County's Emergency Treatment Services (ETS) facility on County Farm Road, where she was admitted as a Jane Doe. Two days later, on June 19, she gave her name and said she was from Long Beach. ETS contacted authorities there.

The Riverside Police issued a <u>media release with a public plea for assistance</u> on Monday, June 16. The information was published in several regional media outlets. An ETS staff member saw the story and photo published Friday, June 20, in the Riverside Press-Enterprise newspaper and notified Riverside police.

Mendoza De Acosta is in good health and will be reunited with her family Friday evening.



Martha Mendoza De Acosta